

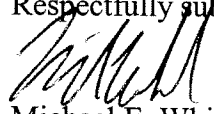
REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 3-11 and 18-23 have been canceled. Claims 31-34 have been added (these claims parallel claims 14-17 of the application.

Please refund all fees paid for excess claims to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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